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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner previously discussed the case with his supervisor on 5/2/08 and found the inclusion of the ownership flag limitation of either claim 8 or 9 in the independent claim 1, would incorporate the allowable subject matter, and place the case in condition for allowance. Applicant's representative stated he would contact Applicant and discuss an amendment to incorporate the limitation of claim 8 into claim 1. Examiner stated that the other independent claims, 11 and 15, were not allowable over the prior art and did not include dependent claims with allowable subject matter. Applicant's representative discussed possibly cancelling claims 11-15 in order to further prosecution of the case (and to later file a continuation for the broader claims). Examiner is awaiting a response from Applicant's representative and will delay processing the case until 5/16/08 in order to give Applicant's representative a chance to respond.